

Montana Transportation Commission

February 24, 2005 meeting

SUMMARY MINUTES

*Montana Department of Transportation building
2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena MT*

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The following is a **summary** of commission action; official minutes of this meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next commission meeting.

Access control resolution on Canyon Ferry Road (CN4480)

Commissioner Kottel moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the access control resolution for project STPS 430-1(5)1 on Canyon Ferry Road in Lewis & Clark County; Commissioners Espy and Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Speed limit studies

Secondary 416 – Blue Creek Road (Yellowstone County)

- A 60 mph speed limit beginning at station 424+00, project S 132(6) (the end of the 50 mph speed zone approved in 1998) and continuing south to station 326+00, project RS 416-1(3), an approximate distance of 2.045 miles.
- The 50 mph / 40 mph special school speed zone for the Blue Creek School will remain in effect as approved in 1996.
- A 60 mph speed limit beginning at station 302+00, project RS 416-1(3) and continue south to station 284+00, an approximate distance of 1,800 feet.
- The addition of a 45 mph advisory speed plate for a curve located with the 50 mph speed zone, at the request of Yellowstone County.

MT 200 – Thompson Falls (Sanders County)

- A new 55 mph speed limit beginning at station 567+00, project F 6-1(40) (1100 feet west of milepost 49) and continue east 587+00, an approximate distance of 2,000 feet.
- A 45 mph speed limit beginning at station 587+00, project F 6-1(40) (350 feet west of bridge end) and continuing east to station 0+00, an approximate distance of 6,050 feet.
- A 35 mph speed limit beginning at station 0+00, project F 6-1(23) (300 feet west of Pond Street) and continue east to station 12+00, an approximate distance of 1,200 feet.
- The statutory 25 mph speed limit beginning at station 12+00, project F 6-1(23) (150 feet

east of Lincoln Street) and continuing to station 49+00, an approximate distance of 3,700 feet.

- A 35 mph speed limit beginning at station 49+00, project F 6-1(23) (east side of the intersection with Orchard Street) and continuing east to station 1124+00, an approximate distance of 950 feet.
- A 45 mph speed limit beginning at station 1124+00, project STPP 6-1(48) (950 feet east of Orchard Street) and continuing east to station 1049+00, an approximate distance of 7,600 feet.
- A new 55 mph speed limit beginning at station 1049+00, project STPP 6-1(48) (650 feet east of Woodline Lane) and continuing east to station 1026+00, an approximate distance of 2,300 feet.

MT 16 – Sidney Northwest (Richland County)

- We recommend removal of the 45 mph speed limit, Speed Zone #388 – Montana 16 & Secondary 201 as approved by the State Highway Commission in November 1974, and reinstatement of the statutory 70 mph speed limit.

US 12 – Helena West (Lewis & Clark County)

- A 55 mph speed limit beginning at station 1146+00, project RTF 8-2(14) (the end of the existing 45 mph speed zone) and continuing west to station 1043+00, project FAP U249 – C (200 feet west of the intersection with Old Broadwater Lane), an approximate distance of 1.95 miles.

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the special speed zones as presented; Commissioner Howlett seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Specification revision – allow bid proposals to be submitted electronically via the Internet

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept the staff recommendation to approve the revision of the supplemental specification to allow electronic Internet bidding as an additional tool by which contractors may submit proposals for construction projects; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Interstate maintenance projects in Missoula District

Commissioner Howlett moved to accept staff recommendations to approve \$1,093,000 million to add these four projects to the statewide transportation improvement program (noting that only \$80,000 will be expended initially in partial preliminary engineering expenditures); Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

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Three pavement preservation project nominations for 2006

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the addition of the *Park City-Laurel* project and the *St. Xavier-N & S* project to the state-funded construction program to be paid out during the 2005-6 biennium; Commissioner Espy seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Railroad crossing surface improvement projects

Railroad crossing on MT 13 approx. four miles east of Wolf Point at Macon

Railroad crossing on Rouse Ave in Bozeman

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve spending \$135,200 for materials to improve railroad crossings at Macon (on MT 13 approximately four miles east of Wolf Point) and Rouse Avenue in Bozeman; Commissioner Howlett seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Increase in project scope and cost:

STPHS 61-3(18)86, 2000 – Guardrail – 3 km S. of Fergus Co. Ln. – S

STPP 27-2(13)23, Baker – South

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the increase in project scope and cost for project STPHS 61-3(18)86 2000 – *Guardrail – 3 km S. of Fergus Co. Ln. – S* and project STPP 27-2(13)23 *Baker – South*; Commissioner Kottel seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Great Falls south arterial

Commissioner Kottel moved to accept staff recommendations to approve pursuit of federal discretionary funding for continued department-led project development of the South Arterial project in Great Falls including a location study, preparation of an environmental document, project design and eventual construction; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Lincoln Road/I-15 interchange safety improvement project

IM 15-4(91)200 [CN 4815] – design-build pilot project #2

Commissioner Howlett amended his motion to award the contract to the design-build team of Construction Solutions, Inc./Kadrmass Lee & Jackson/Tamietti Construction/SK Geotechnical; Commissioner Griffith seconded. All five commissioners voted aye.

Commissioner Howlett moved to adopt the director's recommendation to negotiate with the

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other two short-listed bidders for the acquisition of their plans; Commissioner Griffith seconded. All five commissioners voted aye.

Letting lists

Commissioner Griffith moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the letting lists as presented; Commissioner Kottel seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Certificates of completion for November and December 2004

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the certificates of completion as presented; Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

Liquidated damages

\$58,176 assessed on project STPP 56-1(3)0 Bull Lake – S (JTL Group, Inc – Kalispell)

\$673 assessed on project STPHS-IM 0002(627) 1998 – D3 – Electrical (United Rentals, Inc – Missoula)

The commission took no action therefore the liquidated damages stand.

Project change orders

November 2004 = \$1,281,577.71

December 2004 = \$538,466.67

Commissioner Espy moved to accept staff recommendations to approve the change orders as presented; Commissioner Kottel seconded the motion. All five commissioners voted aye.

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